



AUGUST 2023

# COUNSELING UPDATE

NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## MONTH IN REVIEW:

Can you believe week two is almost complete? Now that we have finalized all schedule changes, our students and staff are off to a great start! I am excited to make my way into the classroom in the next few weeks to start working with our student body on everything from college applications to navigating classroom technology!

### REMININD LINKS

Want to stay up-to-date with Counseling Reminders, important dates, and community learning opportunities? Parents & Students can sign up using the same link and will receive text updates/reminders.



Class of 2024 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2024>  
Class of 2025 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2025>  
Class of 2026 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2026>  
Class of 2027 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2027>  
Class of 2028 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2028>  
Class of 2029 - Join HERE: <https://www.remind.com/join/ncc2029>

### TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

Big changes are coming to standardized testing! Starting this Fall, the SAT suite of assessments, including all versions of the PSAT are now digital, using the Bluebook platform. You may access practice tests, explore program features, and familiarize yourself now!



#### What is changing?

- Faster score delivery
- Higher level of test security
- Shorter test - 2 hours, instead of 3!
- Shorter passages with only one question for each passage!
- Calculator allowed for the whole math test & it is built into the testing app!

#### What is staying the same?

- Scoring scale will remain out of 1600 for the SAT
- Testing Accommodations are available for those who qualify
- Test at school, on designated test day

#### FALL TESTING

PSAT testing is around the corner! Students in grades 8-11 will take the PSAT in school on their designated date/time slot.

- 8th Grade: PSAT 8/9 on Monday, October 2
- 9th Grade: PSAT 8/9 on Monday, October 2
- 10th Grade: PSAT NMSQT on Monday, October 9
- 11th Grade: PSAT NMSQT on Monday, October 9

#### Junior High School Testing

Junior High School Students will no longer be taking the NWEA assessment. Rather, 8th grade students will begin taking the PSAT 8 for continuity in testing data.

*Save the Date*

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31 Annual Forms due - find them in Skyward

### ANNUAL FORMS DUE 08/31/23!

Mandatory Annual Forms are available in Skyward for your convenience. If you need assistance with your Skyward Family Access login credentials, email Mrs. Boros at [kboros@nouvelcatholic.org](mailto:kboros@nouvelcatholic.org). Need help with navigating online forms. Check out our tutorial!

### DUAL ENROLLMENT UPDATES

Delta College Dual Enrollment classes have officially begun! Please remember that students are independently responsible for their courses. Important dates are listed below!

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- **First Day of Fall 2023 Semester**  
August 26
- **Last Day to Charge Textbooks for Dual Students**  
September 8
- **Date to Drop Classes with Full Refund**  
9th calendar day after the class starts
- **Upcoming College Closure/No Classes**  
September 2 through 5



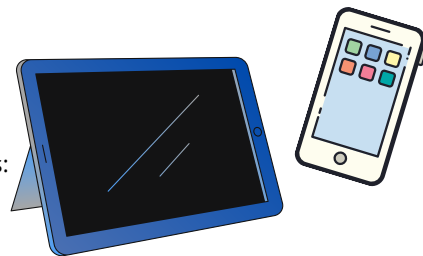
### SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

One of the biggest challenges parents face today involves technology - it is EVERYWHERE! And the scariest part? It is constantly changing and evolving. One of my favorite resources to stay up-to-date with social media trends, applications, and ways to protect our families is Bark. Their Facebook and Instagram pages provide excellent snapshot updates, articles, and must know information for parents and their website features products that allow parental controls for everything social media. Although Apple products can pose some limitations to what Bark can do, Android products work very well with their software! I encourage all parents to check out their Blog and follow Bark on Instagram or Facebook to stay educated! Here are some additional easy links from Bark:

- Tech Guide for Parents
- App Reviews for Parents
- Slang Words and Emojis

Cell phone Parental Control Tutorials:

- Apple
- Android



### SENIOR YEAR - CLASS OF 2024

It's about that time for our seniors to resume the work we started on college applications! I will be returning to the classroom to guide our students through the application process! We will work on admissions essays, scholarship applications, and everything in between! If you have not already signed up for Remind, I would encourage you to do so! I will keep you up-to-date with deadlines, opportunities, and other resources!

*We are Nouvel Catholic Central, called by Christ to learn, love, and lead... courageously.*